

Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Sheriff O. J. Stewart Liberty County Sheriff's Department 2400 Beaumont Avenue Liberty, Texas 77575

OR98-0443

Dear Sheriff Stewart:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 112621.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office received a request for the "files maintained by your office in the investigation of the murder of 'Pop' Flynn committed on June 28, 1978." You state that your office does not maintain any records responsive to this request. You explain that you believe that the Liberty Police Department maintains these records. If your office does not maintain, own, or have a right of access to any of the requested information, you need not comply with the request for information. Gov't Code 552.002, .221; see Open Records Decision No. 588 (1991).

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

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